



# Minutes

## EPC MONTHLY MEETING

**Sept 19, 2022**  
**City Hall, Conference Room 2000**  
[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)  
**7:30 - 9:30 PM**

### Attendance

EPC Members (13)	Status	Staff
Dan Beattie	E	Jessica Lassetter, T&ES
Eldon Boes	P	Bill Skrabak, T&ES
Edith Cecchini	E	Felipe Ip, T&ES
Alexander Clark	P	Julian J. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager
Benjamin Cuddy	P	Jen Slesinger Monaco, T&ES
Jennifer Debias	PR	Sarah Graham Taylor, Assistant City Manager
Cynthia Elliott	PR	
Oleksandr Faryga	P	<b>Public (Partial List)</b>
Nicole Heckman	P	Scott Barstow
Kathie Hoekstra, Chair	P	Russell Bailey
Michael Olex, Vice-Chair	P	Ayesha Prasad
Brendan Owens	P	Stephen Koenig
Marta Schantz	P	Steve Walz

**P:** Present; **PR:** Present Remotely; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent - Excused; **N:** Not a Member

### 1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### 2. Administrative Items

#### a. Meeting Minutes

June 27 meeting minutes were approved with two abstentions: Marta Schantz and Benjamin Cuddy, who were not present for the meeting.

## **b. Reports from Commissioners**

Kathie Hoekstra reported the consensus-building all-day meeting with the stream groups was on Saturday, 9/17, and she reported that Nova parks received a donation of 44 acres of forest land on Tuesday, 9/13 – the Winkler Botanical Preserve located at 5400 Roanoke Avenue.

Marta Schantz reported that the Energy Climate Change Task Force final two meetings have been set for Wednesday, 10/12, which will be a working session and for Thursday, 11/17, which will be the final meeting.

Oleksandr Faryga reported that the next Transportation Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, 9/21, at 7:00 p.m.

### **3. Presentation: New Climate Action Office, Julian Gonsalves (City Managers Office)**

Julian Gonsalves gave a brief presentation of the newly established Climate Action Office which reports directly to the City Manager's Office. Questions regarding the timing of when the Office will be up and running, capacity of the Office, and roles and responsibilities of the Office was discussed. The Commissioners expressed their support for the new Office. The Chair strongly encouraged all Commissioners to attend the next Wednesday, 9/28, City Council meeting to show support for the vote on funding the new Office.

### **4. Presentation: Duke Street Transitway, Jen Monaco, Transportation Planning, Transportation & Environmental Services**

Jen Monaco presented on the Duke Street In Motion project, which is a transit-focused project spanning from the (former) Landmark Mall to the King Street Metro Station. The project was initially included in the 2008 Transportation Master Plan and had its first conceptual plan in 2012. It is now being re-studied and has \$87 million in funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority regional revenues to finish the design and build the project. Jen requested the EPC participate in the project's October public outreach events, which will include a webinar, open house, pop-up events and focus groups, and to consider providing a support letter to the Advisory Group. After outreach and re-design concept refinement, the project will be presented to City Council in the Fall of 2023.

**5. 2023 Legislative Proposal Update and Discussion, Sarah Graham Taylor, Assistant City Manager, Legislative Director**

Sarah Graham Taylor discussed the upcoming legislative session and updated the Commissioners on City Council's priorities. Sarah reminded the EPC to set the policy priorities in a non-budget year.

The Commission voted on crafting a letter based on the Commissions legislative priorities. The vote passed with all in favor.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.